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To: Jill Gable
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Subject: Re: Fw: CBD RE: Comments on Proposed Decision to Add Waters to Oregon's 2010 Impaired Waters List

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From: Jill Gable/R10/USEPA/US
To: Gretchen Hayslip/R10/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 05/24/2012 12:12 PM
Subject: Fw: CBD RE: Comments on Proposed Decision to Add Waters to Oregon's 2010 Impaired Waters List

Hey Gretchen,

I just got the below email from Karla. Can you take a look please? Thanks.

jill

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From: URBANOWICZ Karla <URBANOWICZ.Karla@deq.state.or.us>
To: Jill Gable/R10/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: WIGAL Jennifer <WIGAL.Jennifer@deq.state.or.us>
Date: 05/24/2012 12:04 PM
Subject: CBD RE: Comments on Proposed Decision to Add Waters to Oregon's 2010 Impaired Waters List

Hi Jill –

Thanks for forwarding.

Because CBD mentions them, I just took a closer look at the EPA proposed pH listings in Hoquaten Slough, Nobel Creek, and Hall Slough. I did not look in detail at the data and criteria you used for the

listings until now.

If I am tracking the criteria that you used, it appears that incorrect criteria were applied.

Oregon's pH criteria are defined by basins for estuarine and freshwaters as **6.5 to 8.5**.

The data in your spreadsheets for those estuarine waters are not outside that range. In our preliminary evaluation of the site data for those three waters, the sites were attaining the criteria.

It looks like the marine criteria (7.0 to 8.5) may have been incorrectly applied to come up with your listings. The monitoring sites were not ocean sites.

In our preliminary site data evaluations results, it looked like there were possibly some exceedences in estuarine waters but in the upper end of the pH range. I don't know if you identified those. But the data do not support an ocean acidification problem, as CBD asserts.

Prov2010_Station_EvaluationSummary_pH_wStreamLakeID			
STREAM_NAME	LLID_STREAM	RIVER_MILE_STREAM	MAX_RESULT
Hunter Creek	1244242423867	0.6	9
Pistol River	1243982422746	0.2	8.9

From: Jill Gable [mailto:Gable.Jill@epamail.epa.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 3:49 PM

To: URBANOWICZ Karla

Subject: Fw: Comments on Proposed Decision to Add Waters to Oregon's 2010 Impaired Waters List

Here you go. Let me know if you want some more!

jill

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From: Miyoko Sakashita <miyoko@biologicaldiversity.org>

To: Jill Gable/R10/USEPA/US@EPA

Date: 04/18/2012 01:17 PM

Subject: Comments on Proposed Decision to Add Waters to Oregon's 2010 Impaired Waters List

Dear Jill,

Please find the attached comments on EPA's additions to Oregon's 303d list. You should find a letter and

a PDF with scientific materials enclosed. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I will also drop a copy in the mail with a CD.

Sincerely,
Miyoko Sakashita

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(See attached file: Comment EPA OR 303d Apr 2012 _v2_.pdf)